

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their radio stations to air an anti-John Kerry documentary days before the election is a very clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

The public airwaves are free and therefore the media is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get less public service and more of what serves them best. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.